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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Samir MITRAGOTRI et al.

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Application Number: 09/868,442

) Examiner: Jonathan M. Foreman

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCEMENT OF TRANSDERMAL
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PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR FILED APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of prior filed U.S. Application No. 09/227,623, filed January 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,315; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/070,813, filed January 8, 1998 (to which the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 6,190,315 claims priority). Submitted herewith is an amendment which contains the reference required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) to these prior filed applications.

Applicants are also amending the first line of the specification to refer to the following five U.S. Provisional Applications and PCT Application which have been previously identified by Applicants: U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/112,953, filed December 18, 1998; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,941, filed July 12, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,950, filed July 12, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,951, filed July 12, 1999.

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1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,975, filed July 12, 1999; and International Application No. PCT/US99/30065, filed December 17, 1999.

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,330 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t).

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

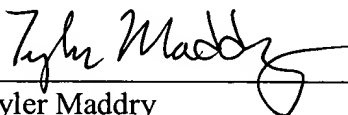
It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with filing this petition. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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